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#### . THE COKE PURCHASES.

The acquisition of the Schoonmaker plants in the coke regions by the Frick Coke Company, making an aggregate ownership by the latter of over 8,000 out of 13,000 ovens, is another step in the remarkable movement that has lately come to the

It is hardly possible to overlook the indications that the extension of the Frick Company, till it now owns nearly twothirds of the Connellsville industry, is a revival of the policy of a single control. The indications that such an operation has been going on furnish an adequate explanation of the prolonged and phenomenal retention of the price of coke at an unremunerative basis. Whether the purchases will be extended to take in the entire industry, or the remaining plants will act in common with their mammoth neighbor, remains to be seen.

But it by no means follows that the maintenance of high prices for coke will be practicable. Besides the possible competition of the 5,000 ovens not owned by the Frick company, new and competing fields are developed on both sides of the Connellsville district. This development has taken place under the stimulation of recent prices for coke. If the prices are advanced, there is no doubt that the process of putting up new plants will be indefinitely multiplied.

Nevertheless, the new movement is significant of changed conditions in the coke industry. The development of its results will be watched with keen interest.

#### A HEAVY DRAWBACK.

The claim made in a civil suit against a city Alderman, that Aldermen are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each item of costs in excess of the legal allowance will, if sustained establish a decided check on the practice of extertionate charges by the lower courts. In this case, of course, we have no means of judging of the truth of the charges; but it is evident that if they are sustained, and the claim of \$50 for each excessive charge is granted, the Alderman in question will be out \$1,900 for having tried to collect an excessive cost bill of \$16 20. If it turns out to be the fact that the little eccentricities of Aldermen in swelling the oct bills are subject to such heavy draw backs it will be likely to inspire very close adherence to the legal schedules. The game and candle are out of all proportion.

## A PERSON OF TRUSTS

The organization of a large sugar refinery at Baltimore, with a capacity sufficient to supply about one-thirtieth of the consumption of the United States, is an evidence of what we have often pointed out as the inevitable result of artificially enhanced prices. There is refinery capacity enough in the United States already to supply the consumption and some of it is already idle. But the artificial enhancement of the pribe is certain to bring new capital into the business unless the trust has the means of excluding it. The operations of the Sugar Trust have already stimulated the erection of Spreckels' refinery at Philadelphia and the new one at Baltimore. Of course the exactions which the trust have imposed on the people before the new competition gets into operation demands the enforcement of this legitimate and inevitable penalty is also getting in its work.

## HAY FEVER AND MORALITY.

At the meeting of the United States Hay Fever Association in New York, the day before vesterday, a certain Dr. Townsend. of Philadelphia, defended the proposition that hay fever is a moral disease, or rather that it effects moral men 'ouly. Criminals and New York Aldermen and Anarchists never have hay fever, Dr. Townsend said. Another speaker, Mr. F. W. Devoe, added the information that 200,000 people in the United States have hay fever. Presuming that these statements are correct, we have the satisfaction of knowing that there are at least 200,000 people of irreproachable morals in this country.

But is it not dangerous to the cause of morality that such a statement as this should be given to the public? It seems to us that it surely tends to encourage the masses to be wicked in order to escape one of the most distressing diseases to which human flesh is heir. Confronted plainly with the choice we fear that the majority of men would prefer to be a little bit wicked. just to stray a short way from the straight path of virtue, if by so doing it were certain that they could avoid the catarrhal calamity. It is rather chilly comfort to tell a man whose eyes and nose are splitting, whose hearing is impaired, whose tonsils are swelled, and to whom every passing air is an invitation to sneeze, that he ought to be happy and content because hay fever has him in its royal clutches, although it conclusively shows that he was a highly moral

It is not certain, however, that hav fever is so particular about the company which it keeps. Like the rain it is apt to fall alike upon the just and unjust. There may not any degree of certainty that New York Aldermen and Anarchists are liable to the disease, but we have known a great many men whose suffering from hay fever will not be stopped till their sins land them in the hot and dry climate of another world. Perhaps some of these men became wicked after catching the hay fever. Indeed, it is reasonable to believe that this is so, for the disease would try the patience and moral courage of a saint; but a goodly percentage remains of those who sinned first and took he fever afterward.

THE Baltimore and Ohio Railroad puts | From the Montreal Gesette.]
On the whole, then Dr. Townsend's prothe fever afterward.

position is hardly tenable. But if the sufferers from hav fever derive any consolation from the doctrine that they are tor tured in the body because their souls are stout, they may entertain it privately. If they publish it to the world they run the risk of being scoffed at by the ungodly non-

#### ITMUST BE SUPPRESSED. The reports that come from Chicago, of

attacks upon and attempts to kill witnesses in the Cronin murder case, with the infer-ence that they are intended to terrorize witnesses and prevent convictions, may be largely the outcome of the excitement produced by that case. Nevertheless the assaults made on two witnesses warrants a plain declaration that the laws of this country must be supreme, and that any attempt to substitute for them the rule of thuggism will be suppressed by the united power of the American people.

Nothing is plainer than that the laws call for the punishment of murderers. The idea that any organization, and much less one that imports to this country the pretense of prosecuting a foreign quarrel, can nullify our laws, and not only deal out sentences of life and death, but bring the administration of justice to naught by terrorizing witnesses, is something that calls for a very sharp practical disproof, by the arrest and punishment of all who are engaged in such plots. It is to be hoped that if any such conspiracies are afloat in Chicago, the machinery of justice will prove energetic enough to

administer a swift and severe suppression. Persons engaged in such defiance of the law, should reflect that even if thuggism can override American justice by secre murders, it can only result in provoking the wholesale and indiscriminate retribution of lynch law.

#### IS THE OIL GOING!

Figures from the geological authorities are published in our local columns showing the decline in petroleum production. As a deduction from these statistics, Prof. Ashburner points out the probability of a steady diminution of the Pennsylvania field until it shall become a minor factor in the petroleum market.

We have had occasion to notice predic tions of this sort, based, if we remembe correctly, on the authority of a State Geologist, in past years. While the news of declining production from the high water mark of 30,000,000 barrels several years ago, have been measurably fulfilled, it is worth while to remember that the alleged moribund oil field has shown the ability to develop new sources of production at unexpected junctures. A rise in price has generally not only brought new fields into existence, but has also shown the ability of older fields to increase their output from small wells which do not repay operation at low prices.

We do not think that it is yet time to give up Pennsylvania's supremscy in the production of illuminating oil. If free com-petition can be re-established in the trade, Pennsylvania may continue to light the world with profit for a good many years to

## TOWARD UNDERGROUND WIRES.

While Pittsburg is permitting the indus trious multiplication of the unsightly inconvenient, and sometimes dangerous overhead electric wires, it is instructive by way of contrast to observe what is being done by other cities in the way of effecting a reform of that evil. Our city was among the first to try the experiment of burying the wires; but in the practical application of the reform for the purpose of relieving the street from the mass and net work or overhead lines, we have fallen far in the rear. Chicago is apparently entitled to claim

the leadership in that direction. She has already cleared most of the overhead electric wires out of her streets. and is pushing the good work to completion. Six thousand miles of buried wire are under her streets and on a large share of that amount the test of time and experience in a climate that ought to make the experiment conclusive. demonstrates both the practicability of the reform and the cost of maintaining. The representations of the electric companies that the wires cannot be buried successfully, without damage to the service, is met by the statement of the city electricians of Chicago that the underground wires can be kept in repair at only one-fiftieth of the expense of those overhead. This may be a somewhat sanguine estimate; but in connection with the fact that none of the predictions of ruin and bankruptcy that were made in connection with the forced burials of wires in New York and Chicago have been realized, and that on the contrary the stock of the electric companies has steadily gone up, a the law; but it is satisfactory to notice that good reason is furnished for regarding all such assertions as the interested and ex-parte testimony of those who do not wish to take the trouble and expense of putting their wires underground.

Pittsburg is apt to follow, at a long distance, after other cities with regard to improvements that only conduce to the public convenience, After Chicago, New York and all the other leading cities of the country have successfully cleared their streets of overhead wires, we may hope that Pittsburg will do something in earnest toward the same end.

THE Prohibitionists' determination to keep up the fight is an earnest of their intention to maintain the doctrine of the per-

THE Ohio Democracy declares trusts to be the outcome of the tariff, and calls for the repeal of the duties which maintain them. It looks as if the Ohio Democracy never had any acquaintance with the Standard Oil Trust; although past political events have created a decidedly different impression. But it is significant that the convention does not propose any measures to suppress the great combine which has in times past put up the money to elect a Demeratic Senator from Ohio.

THE potters' combination may find, if it proposes to put up prices, that outside competition may make the combination as breakable as its output.

THE St. Louis Globe Democrat remarks in a rather disappointed tone that it has not "heard of any Democrats claiming Iowa." Something of that sort was legitimately called for to balance the Globe Democrat's recent feat in claiming Missouri for the Re

A DEMOCRATIC State Convention with out a contest in the Allegheny county dele gation would be like the play of "Hamlet" with Hamlet left out.

THE Payne-McLean wing of the Ohio Democracy turns out to have its usual strong grip on the throttle of the machine This fact is sufficient to explain why the platform of that party confines its denuncia tion to the trusts that are supported by the tariff.

that the deadly car stove must go. Bette

THE respective arguments of New York and Chicago, showing that neither is the proper site for the World's Fair, are convincing. They drive the unprejudiced part of the country to the conclusion that the exposition must be located at Washington.

LONDON'S great strike continues to swell o dimensions which are uncomfortable alike to the English employers and the American free-traders. IF the policy of attacking witnesse

whose testimony is expected to secure the conviction of the Cronin murderers is continued at Chicago, it may result in an in definite enlargement of the list of people who are eligible for the gallows.

ANOTHER gobble by the Frick company looks as if that corporation will soon own about all that there is in sight in the coke region.

GENERAL ALGER is stated to be sure of the election of Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. It is to be hoped that this election is a more economical one than the canvass of the same ambitious millionaire for the Presidency last year.

THE German and Russian royalties do not wish to have uncertainty about the fact that they are biting their thumbs at each

THE announcement that the barbers o the city are going to talk up union-made sigars to their customers while shaving nem, looks like a dark and deep scheme t prejudice the customers of the barber shops against union cigars.

THE West Virginia Democrats appar ently do not-care who casts the votes of the people so long as they can do the counting

WE are pleased to observe that the rivalry of Minneapolis and St. Paul is to be fough out in the baseball field. By that means the supremacy of the Northwest may be expected to be settled, even if it kills an umpire.

THOSE 160 Belgian glass blowers are now rising to yex the souls of the anti-imported labor officials.

THERE are very strong indications that if Wall street is hard up, Wall street can get noney by taking off a point or two from the very steep premium that it wishes the Government to pay for its bonds.

#### PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S handwriting is early as bad as that of the late Horace Gree-

THE British Museum has paid 37,000 marks for the prayer book which the late Louis of Bavaria ordered from Franz Fleschutz. It is adorned with the decorations of the famous so called "great church treasure."

WHEN the Austrian Emperor saw the review at Spandau he learned for the first time that the smokeless powder which was used with such good effect had been invented by an Austrian apothecary and offered to the Austrian Government, but had been declined.

TWENTY years ago Arthur Sullivan began a grand opera entitled "The Sapphire Neck-ace," but abandoned it, and has used it up in other compositions. He is again about to at-tempt an opera on a serious subject, intended for D'Oyly Carte's new theater now building on Shaftesbury avenue. Julian Sturgis will write the libretto. SECRETARY WINDOM has leased for a term

of years a handsome new brownstone resi-dence, recently elected by George E. Lemon, on Massachusetts avenue, near Fifteenth street, and adjoining the residence lately purhased by Mr. Justice Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court. The neighborhood selected by Secretary Windom is one of the THE Archinka Albracht Commandana

Chief of the Austrian army, is the wealthlies man in Austria-Hungary. The other day, while on a tour of inspection in Hungary, he spent 48 hours in a small provincial town. The bill presented to him amounted to £158 12s. It was oald without a murmur, but the next day the officers of the garrison received strict orders not to set foct in the hotel in question, and for the next 12 months no military band will be allowed to play in the town. That will prob ably make the innkeeper's extortion the dear est transaction he ever attempted.

REV. ELLIS HOWELL, of Marshall, Ill., who is now in his 85th year, has just married his one thousandth couple. He is a native of Wales, and came to this country in 1884, preaching one year at Paddy's Run, O., and the next 18 years at Riley, Jackson country, O., which last position was secured for him by Dr. Scott, President Harrison's father-in-law, then a professor in Little Miami University, at Oxford, O. He went to Clark county, Ill., in 1857. He is still a hail and hearty old man. He is already engaged to marry his one thou sand and first couple at Tuscola some time

## DONNING THE SISTERS' HABIT.

Thirty-Five Young Ladies Assume the Garb of Holiness at Glen Riddle.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. PHILADELPHIA, August 28 .- At St. Fra cis' Convent, Glen Riddle, the mother house of the Sisters of St. Vincent in this country, 30 the Sisters of St. Vincent in this country, 35 young ladies to-day took the religious habit and 2i others made their profession. This number is the largest that has everentered a convent at one time in this part of the country. The early trains from this city were crowded with clergy and relatives of the candidates. The ceremonies, which were most solemn and impressive, began at 8 o'clock and lasted until 1 in the afternoon. The church was decorated with the choicest flowers and the five altars were brilliantly illuminated with hundreds of candidates, dressed as young brides, wearing wreaths and carrying lighted tapers in their hands, formed in front of the convent and slowly walked toward the church. They were met by a procession of priests, wearing cassocks and surplices.

As the priests and young ladies took their As the priests and young ladies took their places in the church, a choir of 20 Sisters sang the "Veni Creator." The habits, cards, crosses and rosaries were then blessed, after which solemn high mass was begun, the celebrant being Rev. Bernard A. Litz, C. Ss. R., pastor of St. Bonifacius, with Rev. Bernard Dornhege, pastor of St. Elizabeth's, as deacon; Rev. F. Fariss, C.Ss. R., of New York, as sub-deacon, and Rev. J. C. Prederick as master of ceremonies. Rev. Father Litz preached the sermon.

## REMARKABLY GOOD SHOOTING.

Records Made by Cavalrymen Not Likely to be Surpassed.

FORT WINGATE, N. M., August 28.—The second day of known distance firing in the departments of Arizona and California Cavalry competition opened to-day under favorable auspices. The weather was well adapted to shooting. The scores made this morning are hardly credible with a carbine, and so far exceed any shooting ever made at this post by either cavalry or infantry, that they probably will not be beaten in the army.

The officers and men are quite elated over the success of the cavalry branch of the service, Forty-five and 46 points were common occurrences at all ranges, while, at the 500-yard range, Lieutenant W. F. Littlebrant, of the cavalry, made 48 points out of a possible 50.

A Waste of Good Barrels

m the Providence Journal. A fool and a barrel have made the through the Niagara rapids, and neither were materially injured, as the barrel was on the outside and took all the hard knocks. The only danger attending these experiments is that the barrel is sometimes lost.

Canada's Hard Luck.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

The Ohio at Its Lewest This Year-As Act-

ress Prayed for-Notes of the Floral For the first time this year the Ohio river has dwindled down to a shallow stream that wanders between broad flats of shelving rock and saud over which but a few weeks ago it hurried savagely. The river is still falling, and it promises to be as phenomenally low as it has been high so often in this year of floods and freshets.

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Since the river has receded the changes in its main channel have become very apparent. Of course only the river men can accurately describe these mutations, but even the unlearned landsman can see where the impetuous hands of the floods have cut out a new course for its passage through the valley. Since the United States dredging boats spent several days digging out the channel which had become dangerously narrow at Agnew they have not been seen near Pittsburg, but there is work for them to do in plenty all along the river.

NEARLY every person in Pittsburg has seen or heard of Lizzie Evans, who will be seen at the Bijou Theater next week. Lizzie has a beautiful little blue-eyed cousin about 5 years old, of whom she tells the following story:
"Sometime ago I had a chance and paid Katie's mother a visit. The child's father was absent at the time and she had been tampet to close mother a visit. The child's father was absent at the time, and she had been taught to close her evening prayer with the words, 'and please watch over my papa.' It sounded very sweet, but you can imagine my surprise when one evening she added, 'and I guess you had better keep an eye on my cousin Lizzie, too.'"

THERE are some odd things about the growth of flowers this season. As far as I can speak from personal observation there is seldom such a general failure of any one particular flower as there has been of the dablia this year. All the dablias I've seen have had puny, unhealthylooking blossoms, and a tendency to super-abundance in foliage. Some plants have failed to bear flowers at all. This is a pity, for the dahila brings a welcome flash of color into the garden when the glory of the latter is

fading out.

June abounded in roses, though the continuous downpour of rain had the effect of blighting ous downpour of rain had the effect of blighting and rotting many a tree's wealth of blossoms. Geraniums have suffered from too much rain also—rupning to stalk and leaf immediately—but as a general thing most of the common plants used for bedding have done well in this part of the world.

MR. CHARLES A. DANA, if his expressed ad MR. CHARLES A. DANA, if his expressed and miration of the sunflower be sincere, would enjoy driving through the western suburbs of Pittsburg, for almost every garden boasts some of the tall worshipers of the sun. A very beautiful sight, to my mind, is a solid row of sunflowers in full bloom. The double sunflower—it has another name I cannot recall—is to be found in a great many gardens near Pitts-burg. In color and the mass of color it is richer than its single relation, but the plain, old-fashioned flower has the best of it in form. The flame-like points of the single sunflower are much more striking than the serrated edge of the double blossom's petals.

# A BUNCO STEERER BLUFFED.

His Interesting Conversation With the Preacher Cut Short.

A pleasant tale is told of an eminent divine A pleasant tale is told of an eminent divine who upon the occasion of a visit to New York was accosted by one of those delusive individuals popularly known as bunco steerers. The clergyman was walking in the neighborhood of Brooklyn bridge, and there was an air about him or his attire which to the experienced eye of the confidence man proclaimed him a dweller in the outer darkness which envelops all the world that is so maltreated by Provall the world that is so maltreated by Providence as to be put outside of the limits of Gotham, when suddenly be was accosted by a

Gotham, when suddenly be was accosted by a well dressed stranger who seemed to be overjoyed to see him.

"How do you do?" the stranger demanded; "I am charmed to see you. How are all the folks at Buffalo?"

"You have made a mistake," the clergyman answered. "I am not from Buffalo."

"Oh, excuse me," the other responded, laughing at his own mistake; "I should have said Troy." "Are you acquainted in Troy?" asked the divine, who by this time understood perfectly well what sort of a customer he had to deal

with.
"Oh, very well, indeed. I know almost every-body in Troy," was the reply of the bunco steerer. ly?" said the clerical genti-"Reality" said the cierical gentleman, "Do you? Then of course you are acquainted with Helen of Troy?"

And the well dressed stranger was immediately reminded of an important engagement elsewhere which unfortunately prevented his continding a couversation that was just beginning to be really interesting.

## A HOLE IN THE SURPLUS.

The Treasury Department Has Bought Any Quantity of Bonds.

Washington, August 28.—Again to-day the bonds purchased by the Treasury were large in amount—\$3,888,900. This makes the total amount purchased in the last three days nearly \$11,000,000. For these bonds the Government paid about \$14,000,000, by the addition of premiums. The effect upon the surplus of the recent heavy purchase is notable. It was \$70,000,000 ten days ago, but has now decreased to about \$42,000,000. Representations have been made to Acting Secretary Batcheller that it would be well for the Government to advance its would be well for the Government to advance its buying prices in the face of large offering, as otherwise a sudden reaction would be felt, which would result in a refusal of bondholders to offer to sell.

Mr. Batcheller, bowever, takes the ground that as the bonds coming into the description.

that as the bonds coming into the depart are offered by firms of the highest final are offered by firms of the highest financial reputation and under circumstances which make it manifest that they are not pinched and obliged to sell, they must have reached the conclusion that it is the best thing to do. Therefore he is rather more inclined to lower than to advance the prices, and believes that after a few days business on the scale of to-day and yesterday no harm would follow if the predicted rise in the market rates occurred, as the department would be ready for a breathing spell.

#### AN INSANE MAN'S TRANSACTIONS. Ho Purchases 30 Houses and Defrauds a Number of People.

PRPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. MEDFORD, MASS., August 28.—Charles Lovering was arrested this morning by Chief of Police Holmes for insanity. Lovering, who is a jeweler by trade, a few months ago secured a patent on a diamond setting that was worth several thousand dollars, but it is alleged a New York firm, in whose favor the patent was granted by Lovering deprived him of the recognition of the recogni granted by Lovering, deprived him of the pro-ceeds of the patent. This is said to have made him partly insane, and during the past week he him partly insane, and during the past week he secured \$200 worth of diamonds and jewelry from the Boston Loan Company, which he pawned and obtained money. He has also purchased 30 houses during the past week in various parts of Medford promising to pay the cash when deeds were obtained, and those from whom he purchased never suspected that he was not all right until they brought the deeds to him. He stated that he had \$50,000 deposited in a Boston bank. He has also purchased several horses and carriages and other goods. He will be taken to the Danvers' asylum to-day.

Bet They Won't Whiatle. From the Chicago News.1

The pretty girls of Milwankee whom Uncle Tecumseh Sherman is preparing to aiss can scare away the gallant old gentleman if they like by whistling "Marching Through Georgia" every time he approaches.

A Fortunate Humorist. From the St. Paul Pioneer Press. 1 Chauncey M. Depew's annual inc 000. If a man can't be funny on \$125,000 a year Walt and Bee-

From the Alta California. "Figures will not he!" Just wait till the cities of the West give in their census returns.

One Trust Smashed. From the Philadelphia Times.; The Crockery Trust is broken. It ran against the Servant Girl Trust.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Walter A. Laggett. NEW HAVEN, CONN., Apgust 23.—Walter A. Leggett, a New Haven lawyer, who was taken to the hospital here on Sunday critically ill with typhoid pneuronia, died last night. Mr. Leggett was at one time a member of the New York County Republican Committee.

## TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Some Critics Intimate That Harrison Has

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Paid His Deer Park Ront.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—An appointment as representatives of the United States in the Congress of the three Americas, which is soon to assemble in this city, has been offered 'o Hon, Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, and Mr. Charles R. Flint, of New York. The atter is a wealthy manufacturer, exporter and importer of rubber goods and rubber, and has been greatly interested in the South American trade. He was recommended by business men generally of New York. Ex-Senator Davis has also shown a deep interest in the reciprocity and closer commercial relations of the Americas and will, it is thought, make an excellent representative. His formal recomty and closer commercial relations of the Americas and will, it is thought, make an excellent representative. His formal recommendation came from Senator Gorman, of Maryland, and many other prominent politicians and business men of Maryland and Virginia, and also Mr. Emmons Blaine. a son of Secretary Blaine, who is a Vice President of the West Virginia Jentral Railroad, of which ex-Senator Davis is President. It is jocularly said that the Deer Park circle, taking advantage of President Harrison's presence, and being thankful for the benefit accruing to the place from the patronage and expenditures of Mr. Davis, managed the appointment, Others who are impressed with a conviction that Mr. Harrison is very considerate in his expenditures and who profess to have learned that no question of rent has ever been raised between Mr. Davis and Mr. Harrison for the occupation by the latter of the splendid cottage of the former at Deer Park, are quick to report that the compliment of the appointment of Mr. Davis will certainly put it out of his power to accept so trivial a matter as \$500 or \$500 for two or three months' use of the cottage. This is cited merely to illustrate the readiness of a portion of the public to attribute thrifty motives to the President in their appointment, probably on account of a really general impression that the management of the White House under the present administration has been economical to an extreme never attained before.

# DIAMONDS WILL GO UP.

Trust Formed to Control the Mines

Restrict the Output. New YORK, August 28.—A hig Diamond Trust is reported from South Africa, and an enormous rise in the price of the stones is pre-dicted in the near future. This information was given yesterday by Carl H. Kregor, of the Orange Free State, South Africa, who arrived at this port on the Umbria last Sunday. He at this port on the Umbria last Sunday. He states that the "combine," which consists of five immensely wealthy diamond diggers, is buying up all the various diamond mining companies around Kimberley, Cape Colony, the center of the trade. It is the intention of the trust, when everything is under its control, to so reduce the mining that the output of stones will be very small, when a corner will be produced and the prices go bounding upward in consequence.

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There is said to be practically no limit to the resources of the members of the new trust, and they can carry all before them. There are only two independent companies now at work at Kimberley, all the others having been purchased by the trust and shut down. These two are said to be aiready nearly under the control of the trust, and will probably soon be entirely secured. Thousands of workmen will be thrown out of employment by the shutting down of the mines, but the trust will reap a golden harvest.

## STILL WAITING ON LYON.

The Department Has Sent No Agent to In vostigate the Jennnette Case.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, August 28.-The small ren nant of responsible officials at the Treasury De-partment are kept awake these days answering questions raised by misrepresentations the conduct of the department in regard the conduct of the department in regard to the Jeannette glassblowers' case. Several pa-pers have had it that District Attorney Lyon had recommended that Chambers & McKee be fined \$1,000 in each case of the 25 glassblowers, and that the department had reversed his de-cision. The latest canard is that a special agent of the Treasury had been sent on to inagent of the Treasury had been sent on to investigate the case. This came from a remark of Assistant Secretary Batcheller to a correspondent that a special agent had been sent. But Mr. Batcheller referred to Mr. Robert D. Layton and not to any special agent sent from this city. Up to the present time there has been no thought of sending other investigators than those on the ground, who are deemed perfectly competent for the work. Information asked of District Attorney Lyon is expected within a few days and then the department will soon set the matter at rest.

## A FIGHT WITH A BIG BIRD.

Oarsman and a Hugo Crane. PHILADELPHIA, August 28.-A despera fight took place on the Schuylkill river near the Girard avenue bridge yesterday afternoon between a member of the Iona Boat Club, who was out for an evening pull, and a crane. About o'clock, when the members of the different clubs began to go out on the river, a large bird was seen to drop into the water near the Girard avenue bridge. One of the members of the Iona Boat Club started to capture the bird, but when within a boat's length the crane showed

when within a boat's length the crane showed fight.

When near enough the carsman reached for the bird, but it made an attack with its wings and bill, clipping the flesh from the young man's hand and beating him about the head. The boatman tract to beat it down with the oar, but the crane would not give up and fought desperately, tearing the carsman's clothes and biting the flesh off his hands. The fight was watched with intense interest by many people who had gathered on the shore. Finally after a severe struggle the crane was captured and got into the boat and bound with a cord. The bird was sent to the Zoological Garden, with a request that it be named "Sullivan."

## IRON FREIGHTS ADVANCED.

Pittsburg Affected by the Central Traffi

Association's Work. CHICAGO, August 28.—The Iron Committee of the Central Traffic Association met to-day and agreed that, taking effect September rates on articles of iron and steel between point in the territory of the Association shall be on a basis of fifth class in less than car a basis of fifth class in less than car loads and sixth class in car loads. This is an advance of about 25 per cent, and makes the rates between Buffalo and Unicago 17% cents a hundred pounds on less than carload shipments, and 15 cents when shipped in car load lots. It was also agreed that the rates on pig irou shall be advanced to the basis of \$2.50 a ton Pittsburg to Chicago, and \$2.20 from the Mahoning Valley to Chicago, with corresponding advances from other points.

Grape Seeds Killed Him MORRISTOWN, IND., August 28.—Rush Wag-oner, aged 14, a son of Riley Wagener, a farmer living east of here, died from the effects of swallowing grape seeds, which are supposed to have lodged in the intestines and caused in-

SHAMOKIN, August 28.—Mrs. James Clark has just arrived in Shamokin from England. She is likely one of the oldest persons that ever crossed the ocean, being born in 1793. She was the object of great interest during the voyage.

## NEXT WEEK'S PLAYS.

LEZIE EVANS, a clever little comedien and a favorite with Pittsburg theater-goer open at the Bijon next Monday night in he open at the Bijou next Monday night in her latest pomedy success entitled "Fine Feathers." This play made a decided hit in Bostou last week and is very favorably noticed by the press of that day. "Fine Feathers" is a story of a rascally attorney trying to palm off a farmer's daughter as the heiress of a large estate. The dialogue is said to be bright and breesy, and a number of munical specialties are introduced by Miss Evans and her comedian. "The Buckeys," the comedy purchased by Miss Evans from Denman Thompson last summer, will be presented the latter part of the engagement. PETE BAKER, with his happy smile, comes to Harris' Theater next whek, commencing Monday, September 2, with, "The Emigrant," Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; and "Chris and Lena," Thursday, Friday and Saturday. These well-known and successful musical comedies have both been reconstructed, and with all the old-time favorite songs, many new ones, with elegant costumes and magnificent scenery. "The World Against Har" is drawing well at this house the present week.

MAGE'S combination of Vaudeville stars is filling Harry Williams' Academy of Music at each performance this week. Next week W. M. Davene's Allied Attractions, a strong company, will be seen. There will be in addition to the usual matinees, a performance on Labor Day, Monday afternoon, at which night prices will tribe.

FRED WARDE the Sterling tragediap, will PETE BAKER, with his happy smile, comes

PRED WARDE, the sterling tragedian, will present a repertoire of legitimate dramas next week at the Grand Opera House. "The Montebank" will be the opening attraction, and will afford Pittsburgers a chance to see Mr. Warde in a new character.

## MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

iome Reflections Prompted by State Mat rimonial Events in England-Extraordinary Causes for Severing the Nuptia

LOWDON, August 20.—As for the Grand Old Man, who at any time during the last 50 years has been ready to answer any question on things human or divine, there can be no mistake about his opinion on the blessedness of marriage. After half a century of wedded bliss, he has just celebrated his golden wedding with all the enthusiasm of lusty youth. "No words," he joyfully exclaims, "would ever suffice to express the debt I owe to her for all she has done on my behalf and of those nearest and dearest to us, during these last happy 50 years." His words were received by hundreds of hearers as a golden saying, and applauded to, the echo. Doubtless they sounded like words of good cheer to the Earl of Fifs, who on the very next day took to wife sounded like words of good cheer to the Earl of Fife, who on the very next day took to wife a royal Princess, who, if she had a plain face, yet brought to him a goodly dowry. If dollars alone could insure it, and the joys of matrimony are not too much for him, he may live to celebrate his fiftiesth wedding day anniversary as galiantly as the old hero of Hawarden. Or, in three years' time, he may incline to the fatal doctrines of Mona and shriek for divorce. All depends on the good sense, the give and take spirit of wife and husband; their own wisdom, or their own perverseness. Providence will no more interfere on their behalf than on behalf of those romantic young idiots, nee Tompkinses, who last week, in a mad parcaysm of love at first sight, rushed off to be made one for ever, and in less than six months will be gnashing their teeth that they can't be two. Johnson on Matrimony.

"Would you advise me to marry?" once said a young noodle of a dandy to the mighty sage of Bolt Court, Samuel Johnson. "Sir," replied the sage, "I should advise no man to marry who cannot propogate understanding." Ex-cellent advice, and potent enough to stay the bauns of marriage in a million or two of dally banns of marriage in a million or two of dally cases; but unfortunately nobody acts on it. Buter Cupid, exit common sense. Even that rugged, old, gnarled philosopher and historian, Thomas Carlyle, who worshiped Sam Johnson next to God, refused to listen to their dictum of his idol. "No, no," says Carlyle, "better marry badly than not at all. Without marriage marry badly than not at all. Without marriage life is imperfect." And with it, says Mona Caird, woman's life is insufferable bondage. It was with this torch that she set London on fire last autumn, and the flames threaten to break out again in this blazing summer of 1880, when the joyal marriage set us all agog once more about Hymen, and that unanswerable of all questions, "Is marriage a failure?" To that query no answer has, or ever will come: and for the simplest and best of reasons—we have all eaten of 'the insane root'; all been caught in the same net; the happy ones exult in their bondage, the wretched hide their misery, or confessing it, deny their share in the folly or guilt that caused it: while the noodles, and the cold-blooded, the crafty, the worthless, and those who are without hope, resign themselves dismally to their fate.

No chance of escape? The only one, at preent, is divorce, about which, say most of the ent, is divorce, about which, say most of the women, "we have never been consulted; we, upon whom the bitter woes of matrimonial discord chiefly fall. The laws of divorce in England are entirely framed for the comfort of men to make their escape easy and ours impossible." Putting aside—as must be done in this column—all the religious aspects of the question, the issue is simply this: Ought society to have the power to force two people to live together for life, who both wish to be apart? Or, being once separated to be able to forbid

nave the power to force two people to live together for life, who both wish to be apart? Or, being once separated to be able to forbid either of them to rush into marriage again, if they are mad enough to wish or dare it? These two, to quote Artemus, are "really good-sized questions" to be enormous before the millenium comes to give us a clean sheet. But whatever the inequalities of the English laws of divorce may be, whether in favor of Samson or Delilah, Fendita or Lovelace, beyond all question it is the luxury of the rich, and of the rich only. The cost cannot be less than three figures—it may be four, five, or even six. No poor man or poor woman can hope to taste of it in this country, even if the condition of the married couple be one of intolerable misery, unless enough gold can be got to fill the maw of sharks, ecclesiastical and civil, and the guilt of the accused party fall strictly under one of the few heads of legal guilt. Elsewhere, indeed, it would seem that the process of escape is far easier than in this incomparable land of John Buil. In France, so statistics say, i marriages in every 1,000 are dissolved in the civil courts; in some few of the United States as many as 1 in 60. But everybody knows what statistics are worth; you can be help everything in them but what they prove.

Some of the causes for divorce recorded as sufficient in the eye of certain law courts: Case 1. She wouldn't sew on his buttons. 2 She pulled him out of bed by his whiskers. 3. She wouldn't walk out with him on Sundays, and threw a teapot at him rather than go 4. She refused to eat, pretending to be sick: threw dishes out of the window—and, why? Simply because he, the monster, would sow grass seed in August! 5. She gave him a heavy blow with her bustle.

Some Male Monsters Beyond this, it is hardly needed to quot more cases of deliberate, feminine cruelty, and one turns with infinite relief to the atrocities of the male sex. Case l. He never washed himself. 2. He cut off (another monster) the whole of the water supply! Not only from himself, but his entire household. 3. He made her and her child sit up all night without a fire in the room. 4. He threw her favorite do into the fire. 5. He never cut his toenails, bu sharpened them. The record, from which these cases are quoted, is strictly authentic; and if, in this benighted land of Britain, diand if, in this benighted land of Britain, di vorce is only to be had after mouths or years of litigation, and even then only after proof of many atrocities of a deeper dye than the whole of the above, en masse, let Mona Caird com fort her soul with the thought that other nations are more enlightened than her own, and that to them she can fly for help.

After all, surveying the whole of this amazing problem, I am inclined to think that Punch's "advice to all persons about to marry" has never been excelled.

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## A LITTLE BUNDLE IN A RAG.

Contained Nearly \$400 Which Was Thrown Into the Fire. PEKIN, ILL., August 28.—To-day while Mrs. Fred Stafford was cleaning up her house she found a little bundle tied up in a rag, and thinking it was trash threw it into the fire. It turned out to be a roll of \$385 in greenbacks rolled about a \$10 gold-piece. The latter was all that was saved.

## Sensible Beston Girls.

From the Inter Ocean.1 The Boston girls are not emigrating to Washington Territory and Idabo to find husbands. They propose to marry in the old way after an old-fashioned courtship or not marry at all. The Boston girls are sensible. The girl that jumps into a grab-bag to find a husband doesn't discover her mistaka until the stripe. discover her mistake until the string is drawn and she made fast to a life of misery.

## Practice is not always necessary to make perfect. A big black bass knows exactly how to worry a fisherman the first time it takes the hook. The fisherman, moreover, can tell as big a lie about his exploits the first time he ries as he learns to do by years of practice.

Habits Enally Acquired.

From the Chicago Tribune.]

THE ROCKING CHAIR. My grandmother sat in this old rocking chair; My grandmother sat in this old rocking chair;
But she was not my grandmother then.
And her sweet, little face was hewitchingly fair,
As it laughed a defance to men.
Her sun-bonnet futtered like bird on itastring,
Her tresses trailed free on the breeze;
And gally I ween did my grandmother sing,
Underneath the old gnarled apple trees.

My grandfather rode through the white orcha And tethered his steed to a tree;

paie, And high Hessian boots to his knee. From the pink apple blossoms that over him hung He brushed off the dew with his hat, Till he came to the spot where the rocking chair awing And my merry young grandmother sat.

The kingoup and cowslip bloomed 'round far and

wide,
The bees from their sweetness did sip;
But my grandfather blushed—and my grandfrighed.
As he flicked off their heads with his whip.

## NEWS OF THE METROPOLIS.

INEW YORK BURRAU SPECIALS.

A Reception to Depew. NEW YORK, August 28.—The friends of Dr. NEW YORK, August 28.—The friends of Dr. Channesy Mitchell Depew propose to give him a grand reception upon his arrival home from Europe about the middle of pert month. The leader of the movement in favor of a great political Depew demonstration is A. R. Whitney, Depew's doppelganger. Usually the welcomers of Depew on his returns from his yearly European trips have been chiefly officers and employes of the New York Central Railroad. Last September A. R. Whitney tried to get up a demonstration which would equal that which greeted James G. Blaine last August. Just as Mr. Whitney and his friends were in the height of preparations for a grand naval and land parade, Mr. Depew cabled from London that a demonstration would be distasteful to him. He was afraid that the demonstration would be regarded as a consolation for his defeat in the Chicago convention. His friends think now, however, that his welcome can be made an enthusiastic greering to a political leader who has a great future before him, and unless he objects he will have a big boat to unless he objects he will have a big boat to meet him in the bay, a big political dinner, and a big boom for the Presidental nomination a big boom for the Pre

Is Prince Ressell With Judget

Some weeks ago Judge published a cartoon in which President Harrison was represented as a God with all the big Republicans in abject positions before nim. Ugly comments were passed upon the cartoon as being a rather remarkable production for a paper with which the President's son was connected. Mr. Arkell published an explanatory card to the effect that Russell B. Harrison was not connected in any way with Judge. This afternoon this notification was received at several newspaper offices in the city:

DEAB SIR: Mr. Russell B. Harrison is returning from Europe on the City of Paris, due here Wednesday next, and a number of his co-laborers on Judge and Frank Lestice litustrated Newspaper Intend going down to Quarantine on the steamer Laura M. Starin to meet him. We shall be very glad to have you, or if it is impossible for you to go personally, a representative of your paper, accompany us on the trip.

Very truly yours, (Signed) Is Prince Russell With Judget

(Signed) W. J. ARKELL.
An afternoon paper suggests that it may tax
Mr. Arkeil's ingenuity to harmonize the statements of the cards in question. W. J. ARRELL

Rattle Retween Pather and Son. Jeremiah Callaban is 52 years of age, six fee Jeremiah Callahan is 52 years of age, six reectall and weighs 200 pounds. His son James, 25 years of age, is still heavier and tailer. Last night young Callahan went home drunk and struck his father across the forehead with a boot. Callahan, Sr., knocked him down with a stool, fracturing his skull. The father and son then clinched and fought and bled all over the callahan family. Thus were are rooms of the Callahan family. They were arrested. Old Callahan is in jall. Young Callaha is in a hospital, and his recovery is doubtful.

Miss Minnie Huhn called at police bead-quarters to-day and told a pitiful story of the death of her sister, Mrs. Emma Spinnella. The dead woman was only I7 years of age, and Mrs. Huhn says she was beaten to death by her hus-band Michael. The death certificate gives the cause of death as puerperal fever, and her baby was three months old and died on the same day with its mother. The husband was not at the funeral of his wife and child and has not since been seen. He is in hiding. The police are investigating the case. A Wine Importer's Suicide.

# children. He was a prominent member of the Arion Society, the Goethe lodge of Free-masons and some 15 other organizations.

mann was prosperous in business, in fine health and lived happily with his wife and four

Killed Himself for Love. Adolph Noumann, a Hungarian cigarmaker.

18 years old, shot himself through the head on top of a lumber pile, near the East river, this morning. His body was discovered by a pedestrian who saw an arm, streaked with blood, dangling over the edge of the pile, and climbed up to learn to whom the arm belonged. Noumann killed himself because a giri jilted him and he was out of money and work.

## Aldrich's Spite Against Ma

Aldrich's Spite Against Mausfield.

Louis Aldrich, the actor, intends to prevent the admission at the Custom House of the imported costumes of Bichard Mansfield. These costumes arrived here to-day. Mr. Mansfield proposes to use them in "Richard III." Usually a foreign theatrical manager when he imports costumes gives a bond at the Custom House, and therein agrees to return the costumes eventually to the country from which they came. Mr. Aldrich will try to prevent the acceptance of such a bond from Mr. Mansfield.

Panic on a Ferryboat. As the Coney Island annex boat, Charles Sill, was leaving her pier in Jersey City about 8 P. M. to-day, a cloud of black smoke rushed up from the hold through the engine room. There were about a dozen passengers, all but two of whom were women. When they saw the smoke they screamed and ran to the guard ralls, as if to jump overboard, but the deek hands persuaded them to be quiet. The engineer backed the boat down to the Adams Expres pier. Meanwhile, passengers on the ferry-boats lying in the slips had heard the women cream, and added to the excitement by creaming fire. Several tugs with fire hose teamed to the boat a few minutes afterward and the fire was extinguished. The passengers went to shore safely. One woman fainted. The fire was extinguished before \$100 damage had been done. It was caused by a pile of waste

The 53 Syrians who came here on the steam-ships Suevia, La Gascogne and Veendam will not be returned to their country, as ordered by not be returned to their country, as ordered by the Collector, just yet. They employed a lawyer the other day, and to-day he obtained a writ of habeas corpus in their case, returnable at 11 o'clock to-morrow before Judge Lacombe, of the United States Court. Sald Juredim and other Syrians who live here made affidavit that their fellow-countrymen are not likely to become a charge on the country, as they are all able-bodied and can find work immediately in the brickyards at Fishkill Lanting, where Juredim and his friends declare 100 laborers are wanted. The Suevis and Veendam, on which 36 of the Syrians were to go back, will sail to-morrow morning without

Syrians Not Objects of Charity.

under the engine room coming in

the firebox.

## ships sail hence again, so we will have the a that long, anyhow, even if they do not succeed in the courts. TRI-STATE TRIFLES.

go back, will sail to-morrow morning without them. It will be a month at least before the

SHERIYF BURKHOLDER at Lancaster presented to Judge Livingston, on bobaif of Abe Buzzard, a landsome gavel, made by Buzzard, as a token of his regard for the Judge for having sentenced him to the Eastern Penitentiary, where he has learned a useful trade,

A PITTSTON cat found a mackerel can in an alley, inserted her head to lick up the crumbs, got fast and was only disencumbered by a

AT Bethleham a day or two since, as a North Pennsylvania baggage car was crossing the bridge over the Lehigh, a trunk fell out of it, hit a boat on the river and was knocked to pieces. The boat was not damaged.

horse shoe may be seen at H. B. Campbell's hardware stope in Middletown, near Harris-

A FULL-GROWN watermelon with an encase

MR. COPPMAN, of Phonixville, Pa., who while lending a hand to lift a bar of iron on a former occasion had an end nipped off a finger, which was sewed on again, has had the same end nipped off again by a similar mishap, and hones to save it as a must raught an owl in his barn recently that was nearly as large as a full-grown turkey. CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-There are 170,000 Mormons in Utal

-A Maine man has raised a blue pig.

which he will exhibit at the State Pair.

-The oldest public house in England is "The Seven Stars," as Manchester. It date back to the time of Edward III.

—One of the objects of curiosity at Ken-nebunkport, Me., is the stone house Rev. E. L. Clarke, of New York, built of rocks hauled out of the sea at low tide by ozen. Rev. Mr. Clarke put on his overalls and steered the steers part of the time himself.

-Frank Galart was fishing for bass in Vineyard Sound, off East Chop, Mass., when

his boat capsized, instantly filled, and sank. For two hours and a half he kept himself affoat without anything to assist him, and then was rescued by a passing boat, a mile from the spot where the boat went down.

william flood killed a large bearon the Upper Coquille river, Ore., last week. It weighed dressed 640 pounds, and is known to have destroyed \$3,000 worth of stock. At one time he slaughtered 350 sheep that belonged to Mr. Hood. Since settling in that country that gentleman has killed 43 bears and no end of wildcats and panthers.

—Seventy-three years ago Mrs. Sally B. Weeks Bucknam, then a blushing bride, went to housekeeping in a snug farmhouse on the west slope of Mount Prospect, N. H. The other day in this same house, where she has lived ever since, she celebrated her 100th birthday, and was strong enough to receive not only her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, but also a large number of her friends and acquaintances.

—Elwell Chick, of San Francisco, a white-headed, wrinkied old "forty-niner," by occupa-tion a carpenter, is a strong behever in dreams and presentiment. So strong indeed, that he has constructed an elegant coffin, which he firmly thinks he will be called upon to fill on October 24 next. He also has had the inscrip-tion, "Elwell Chick, aged 79 years," placed upon it, although he lacks over a month of three score and nineteen.

-A farmer near Dalton, Ga., was aroused

—The tribe of Cree Indians have just concluded their great sun dance three miles from Glasgow, Mont. The barbarous method of making braves was a feature. Two inclisions are made in the breast and a sharp stick thrust through them, to which a rope is attached and the ends tied to a high post. The Indian then dances and sings until the flesh tears ont, and he is declared a brave. If he finches during the ordeal he is declared a squaw man, and dresses and works thereafter like a squaw.

—As English trader at Noove on the Martin Arnemann, a weaithy wine importer, shot himself dead in the cellar under his wine room last night. His body was found by one of his employes this morning. Beside it were a box full of cartridges and a revolver, which Mr. Arnemann bought this afternoon. The motive of the suicide is a mystery. Mr. Arnemann bought this afternoon.

> -A London shoemaker has invented a boo to make small people appear tall. The inven-tion is an old and ingenious one. Instead of tacking six inches on to a person's heel, a pair of entirely false feet, made of cork, is put into the shoes. When the wearer gets into them,

-Frank T. Kirby & Bro., contracto while engaged in removing a large hollor stump on the farm of J. Roger Woolen, on th Baltimore and Drum Point Railroad, were surprised at the appearance of a mouster black snake, which at once proceeded to coil himself about the forelegs of a mule standing near. In a very short time the mule team was in a very mixed condition. The snake was promptly attacked by a very large bull-terrier, who caught him about six inches from the head and held on through-sil the struggles of the mule. The men in the meantime were engaged in killing snakes, the stump appearing to be full of them and very victious, showing fight on their exit from the hole. Men armed with shovels killed in all 47. The one that

There is nothing loud about the flannel shirt. On the contrary, it is modest and shrining .- Washington Capital. McCrackle-What is the "Order of the

If all the wishes that we keep repeating Were granted, still for something else we'd sight for even pie would be but leathery eating.

If we had nothing else but pie.

Out Otty Bitszard. Perdita-What a cheerful way you mus

Manufacturer (to applicant for position a designer)—"Have you ever had anything to d with the production of valuable pieces?" Appli cant—"It isn't three weeks since I helped make 81, 300 tack pot."-Jeweler's Weekty.

obtain your permission to marry your daughte Parent—Which one? Which one? I really haven't made up my mi Which one would you recommend? them better than I do. -- German Joke. RIS CHOICE.

'The World's Fair ought to bel He drew her to his side.

A new social game has been introduced in the West. One of the girls in the room takes a bite of onion and a young man must discover the fair biter by kissing all the young ladies present. The young man enjoys it immensely until he atrikes the girl, that bit the onion, and then he locks around for his hat and says he promised to be home at 9.20 o'clock.—Norristown Herald.

Standing Up for His Rights .- Conduct

third dance with your littles Manurka. Who had not painful terpaleborean experience with him "but I'm down for the rest of the nine dances." Then I must dance at-ten-dance," said Mr Ward, as he tripped his light fantastic foe over he train and toru away two breadths.—Detree fantastic foe over he train and toru away two breadths.—Detree

Two West Virginia jouths, aged 18 and 21 years respectively, have started for Texas on foot.

-Maine has a baseball club called the

-A prominent capitalist of Oakland, Cal., married his fifth wife last Tuesday.

—A Mobammedan mosque has been built in Woking, England, and a Buddhist temple has been opened in Paris. There are about 300 Buddhists in Paris. -A Californian named John Fessier has

a quartz mine that has paid him \$30,000 in two years. He does his own work, and his only mill to a hand mortar.

-An old bachelor, who has just died at Earlshofen, left to his servant 2 shillings a day, to his dog 1 shilling, to his cat sixpence, and to some of his nearest relatives 5 shillings, it shillings, or £1 as legacies. The rest of his for tune becomes the property of the parish.

-William Hood killed a large bear on

—A design for a new postage stamp has been prepared by a St. Louis printing house and sent breadcast over the country for approval. It is a green stamp, two inches square and contains the portrait of John L. Sullivan, the singer. On the top are the words: "U.S., Our Country's Champion," and on the bottom: "Too Big to be Licked."

-Elwell Chick, of San Francisco, a white

one night not long since by the squalling of a hen on her roost in a cluster of vines near the a hen on her roost in a cluster of vines near the house. Going out, the hen was apparently transfixed with fright and helpless in her movements. A large snake was found nearby, with eyee evidently set upon his prey. The hen continued her squalls without moving, as if in a nightmare, till the snake was killed, when she fell from her perch, recovering and flying away, but has since been in a droop. -The tribe of Cree Indians have just

-An English trader at Ngove, on the —An English trader at Ngove, on the southwest coast of Africa, has had for some time a young female gorilla whose docility is described as most remarkable. Jeannie, as the baby gorilla has been named, sleeps with her master and tries to follow him wherever he goes, weeping like a child if left behind. She recently accompanied him on a fe ney of 30 miles or more, walking all the way, one has acquired many civilized tastes and babits, and will drink tea, etc., out of a cup or glass, displaying the timost carefulness not to break the vessel.

he or she is raised according to the inches o he or she is raised according to the inches of cork. Of course, in this invention the original foot is made to combine with the cork one under the leather in such a manner that the lise of demarcation is not perceptible. The size of the foot is sacrificed, it is true, and a larger boot is necessary with the cork "elevator" than would be the case naturally.

ttacked the mule measured six feet sevenches and eight inches in circumference

The smallest one was three feet two inch long. The tree has long been known a refuge for snakes. FUNNY MEN'S FANCIES.

King's Daughters?"
McCorkle-lce cream, usually.-Life. Before he married her he said she was dream. Afterward he intimated very strongly that she was a nightmare .- Washington Capital

have of refusing a man. You seem to send them away supremely happy. Heatrice—I tell them that the report that I am a great heiress is a mistake, —Life. A proposal-Mr. Drygoods-I desire

"Where do you think," said she,

And hugging her replied,
"I'm satisfied, my dear,
To hold the fair right here." A new social game has been introduced

Standing Up for his Lights.—Conductor

That boy can't be less than 5 years old. I shall
have to charge you half fare for him.

Mr. Skinaphilat (nervously looking at his
watch)—No, you won't. It's now 7 o'clock. That
boy won't be 5 years old till exactly 7:30, and we
expect to get off this train at exactly 7:32. If you
charge me anything for that boy I'll report you,—
Chicago Tribuns. His Kind of Dance.—"May I dance hird dance with you?" asked Mr. Ank War